

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: April 11, 2016
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council, the staff, and the community:

Council Business

- *Budget Info Session* – At 7:00 PM on April 12, 2016, in the Council Chamber at the Beck Municipal Building, the Director of Finance and I will hold a Public Information Session on the Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/17. Town staff will be available at the session to answer any questions residents may have regarding the proposed budget. Please view the proposed budget online at www.MansfieldCT.gov and via our new financial transparency platform at <http://open.mansfieldct.org/>.
- *Crumbling Foundations in Eastern CT* – In collaboration with the towns of Coventry, Tolland and Willington, we will hold an informational meeting at 6:30 PM on May 11, 2016 in the EO Smith School Auditorium to provide homeowners with an update regarding the work the state is doing to address this important issue. Lieutenant Governor Wyman is expected to attend, and staff from the state Departments of Consumer Protection and Insurance will make a presentation to be followed by a Q & A session. To ensure adequate notice, each of the four towns will send a letter to every homeowner owning a home built between 1983-2003.
- *UConn Community School of the Arts* – As the Town Council will recall, the Town and UCONN entered into a two year partnership agreement to run the Community School of the Arts (CSA); this agreement expires on June 30, 2016. UCONN has recently informed us that due to budgetary constraints it plans to discontinue the CSA at the end of this semester. The Town does not have any financial liability associated with its role in the partnership agreement. With UCONN cancelling its program, the Department of Parks and Recreation will look to expand its arts programming over time, as resources permit. Many will be saddened to learn this news and we thank the University and the CSA instructors and staff for the quality arts programing they provided to our community for several years.

Departmental Reports

- *Public Works*
 - *Mansfield Library Electric Vehicle Charging Station* - Through a grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), drivers of electric vehicles can now power up their vehicles at the lower end of town. The library has a level 2 charging station located in the lot by the Buchanan Auditorium; there is no charge to use the station.
 - *Cancellation of ConnDOT Clean Fuel Program* – Meanwhile, DEEP has informed us that the state is discontinuing a different grant program - the Connecticut Clean Fuel program - effective immediately. As clean fuel technologies have become more widely available and employed, DEEP believes the program has accomplished its goal of introducing these vehicles to the public sector.

- *Town Manager's Office* – The warmer months of spring generally come with an uptick in the demand for public safety services, and this year is no exception. To enhance the resources of our Resident Trooper's Office, I have requested additional mutual aid support from the UCONN Police Department and UCONN has graciously agreed to provide this support. In addition, and as pilot initiative, we are looking to contract with a private security firm to provide a presence in Storrs Center, particularly during evening hours. The security firm has been working elsewhere in town starting this academic year, and was recommended to me by our Trooper's Office. At its meeting this Thursday's meeting, I will provide the Ad hoc Committee on Police Services with more detail regarding these various initiatives.

Upcoming Events

- *Storrs Farmers Market* – Storrs Farmers Market is open year-round! The Winter Market will be open twice a month from December through April in the Buchanan Auditorium of the Mansfield Public Library. Storrs Winter Farmers Market will be open from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on April 23. Everything sold at Storrs Winter Farmers Market is grown or produced in Connecticut, so the offerings change with the seasons. Visit www.storrsfarmersmarket.org for more information and to sign up for weekly emails from the Market (bi-weekly in the winter).

Upcoming Meetings*

- Town-University Relations Committee, April 12, 2016, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Historic District Commission, April 12, 2016, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Public Information Session on the Manager's Proposed Budget, April 12, 2016, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, April 13, 2016, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ethics Board, April 14, 2016, 4:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Police Services Committee, April 14, 2016, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee, April 14, 2016, 6:30 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Special Town Council Meeting (Budget Workshop), April 14, 2016, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Transportation Advisory Committee, April 14, 2016, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, April 18, 2016, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Commission, April 18, 2016, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, April 19, 2016, 6:30 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Climate Action Task Force, April 19, 2016, 6:45 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Open Space Preservation Committee, April 19, 2016, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Special Town Council Meeting (Budget Workshop), April 20, 2016, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, April 20, 2016, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ordinance and Development Review Subcommittee, April 25, 2016, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, April 25, 2016, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*